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Children Put Off Bus

COUNCIL WANTS ANSWERS

A big inquiry is to be made into allegations that school children have been ordered off Joiner's buses and told to walk home.

It follows several oral complaints and a written complaint alleging that a bus driver has ordered school children off his bus after they had paid their fares.

The Altona Shire Council is sending a copy of the written complaint to the bus service owner for his answer.

The council will decide what action it will take when it gets the reply.

Hostel Man Writes Complaint

The written complaint was in a letter to Cr. J. J. Glinifer, the Labor Member for Grant, and he read it to last Monday night's council meeting.

The letter was signed by Mr. H. Scanlan, of the Altona Hostel, Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown.

When the letter was read, the shire president, Cr. S. G. McIntosh, said: "This is certainly not the first complaint like this against the same bus service. My own son was put off the bus in the pouring rain."

"The whole thing is a disgrace."

"If the bus driver cannot control the behaviour of the great number of children on his bus then he should not attempt to carry so many."

"Let us get a reply from Mr. Joiner. Let us see what he has to say."

"I know he cannot always control his own employees, but something must be done," Cr. McIntosh said.

"Like Sardines In One Bus"

The letter from Mr. Scanlan read: "I feel that I must draw to your attention a recent occurrence involving my children in the hope that you may feel inclined to investigate and deal with it in the council."

Head Master Says . . .

Head master Mr. A. F. Blackie, said he had heard of the complaints and on this day instead of two buses being available the children were loaded on one bus.

However, he pointed out he has no control over the buses as they are not school organised or subsidised. The children travel on a regular bus run paying normal fares. The teachers escort the children to the buses, but actually this is outside their duties.

Mr. Blackie is sympathetic to the problems of the bus line proprietor, Mr. J. Joiner.

He said sometimes occurrences are beyond Mr. Joiner's control and much depends on the type of driver.

Mr. Blackie said there have been some wonderful men driving the buses—usually married men.

he told them it would learn them to behave.

"He then travelled the rest of the road and let the other children off in the hostel."

"Naturally, the older and bigger children had all managed to find themselves a seat and it was the younger ones who were put off."

"As you know, this is a very dangerous road, with, for the most part, no footpath, and also having the Altona railway line cutting across it. You will appreciate my concern, I think, for the safety of these children which included my own."

"On Friday, I phoned the head master of the school, Mr. Blackie, asking him to confirm what happened and his reactions to the irresponsible behaviour of the driver. He said he knew nothing of this, and after I had explained what happened, he expressed his concern, but felt the matter was out of his control."

"I pointed out that one of his staff had supervised the boarding of the bus and he said he would look into that matter."

Free Ride Is Promised

"I then rang the bus company, Joiner's of Altona, was

unable to contact Mr. Joiner, who was apparently away, but spoke to the person in charge, whose name I do not know."

"He told me that other people from the hostel had complained and they had agreed that the children should travel free for one trip. This is some consolation to the parents, I'm sure."

"The person in charge of the bus depot did not appear very interested and only said he would reprimand the driver. I feel I was wasting my time with him and attempted to telephone you without success."

"The local bus service leaves much to be desired, the drivers of late being most un-co-operative. I was prepared to live with that, but when the actions of an irresponsible driver jeopardises the safety and well being of my kids I intend to do something about it."

T.R.B. Says It Will Watch

"I have asked the Transport Regulation Board to investigate the matter, but although they were sympathetic it was felt that unless the drivers were actually seen to breach the regulations there was little they could do."

"They would, however, keep an eye on things and check the bus when possible."

"I ask you, therefore, to look into this matter and at least get an assurance that this sort of thing must not happen again, it may cause a life next time," Mr. Scanlan's letter concluded.

"RESIDENTS SEE TRAFFIC HAZARDS"

PROPOSED CHURCH SITE RAISES STORM OF OBJECTIONS

A proposal to build a Greek Orthodox Church at the Mills-Cresser Streets corner has raised a storm of objections.

The Altona Shire Council has agreed to it being built on the site—but now it has been called upon to deal with a written objection signed by 13 nearby neighbours.

The council voted not to deal with the matter at last Monday night's meeting, but send it to its planning committee which may possibly ask the objectors to appear before it.

The council is not the only body involved. Final approval must also be given by the Board of Works which requires certain standards for car parking, among other things.

This is the text of the letter to the council:

A DAY EARLY

The "Altona Star" will be published a day earlier next week.

Monday night will be the deadline for copy and display advertisements.

Tuesday, noon, for classified adverts.

"We, the undersigned, being ratepayers of the Shire of Altona, wish to file an objection to the proposed erection of a Greek church on the corner of Cresser and Mills Streets. Our reasons for objection being as follows—

"1. The block size is only 102ft. x 126ft. which does not give adequate parking space, which in turn means that the streets in the vicinity will be used for parked cars, this will constitute a devaluation of surrounding properties, this particular church holds services seven days a week which naturally means a seven day problem for parking."

"2. Mills Street, as a major road, is now a traffic hazard for pedestrians, especially children who attend Cresser Street schools. The rate of car accidents that have occurred on all other intersections on Mills Street up to date, excepting Cresser Street, which has been accident free due to the fact that the uncompleted road has had little traffic, the completion will bring more traffic to this corner and parked cars will create congestion and confusion."

"3. The lighting on this particular corner at the moment is inadequate and again, this and parked cars will make it too dangerous to anticipate at the moment the extent of it. Traffic noise is at a very high level at present and this additional traffic at all hours day and night in this working man's community would interfere with our rest hours," the letter concluded.

The shire secretary, Mr. J. W. Waters, told the council:

"Some time ago, the Board of Works sought the council's views on this application, and as the erection of a church in a residential zone complies with the planning requirements, the council offered no objection thereto. However, the Board then instructed the applicants to insert the usual notices on the property notify the neighbours and place advertisements in the Press of their intentions."

"The closing date for receipt of objections at the Board is December 8, 1966. It is now necessary for the Board to consider the objections and if the Board disallows the objection, then a Notice of Determination can be given to the applicants."

"Then follows a 21 day waiting period when persons who objected to the Board may object further to the Minister."

"The Minister on receipt of objections, would then set up a Board to investigate the objections and the Minister's decision would be final," Mr. Waters said.

Student Stars of "Peach Blossom"



Howard Bertram looks every inch the Emperor of Japan issuing his royal commands in this scene from the operetta "Peach Blossom" presented by Altona Primary School students in the Civic Hall last week. Flanking Howard on either side are the two executioners, Greg Bryant (on the left) and John Putkunz. Betty den Dulk, as the quail, is on the right and behind her is Stephen Foksett, who played Fusi Jama.

(Photo by Roper Studios.)

EDITORIAL

THE ESTIMATES

In its handling of the estimates for 1966-67 the Altona Shire Council has shown itself in an unfavourable light.

While hesitancy and indecision might to some extent have been condoned, a more practical approach to the problem by councillors could have been expected.

Matters were certainly not improved by the statements of the mover and seconder of the vital motion authorising the increase.

The former said there has been no increase for a number of years. The latter that the rate was reduced from 2/2d. to 2/- in the £1 in 1964.

Both these statements, if fully acceptable, would have been insufficient justification for this year's 35% increase.

But ratepayers, and ourselves included, know that in effect rates were increased in 1964.

Our calculation is that rates were increased by 20%. The higher rate of 2/2d. suggested by Cr. A. J. Fisher would have meant a virtual 30% increase in 1964.

A more frank approach to ratepayers would have been desirable this year.

The estimates this year showed that due to the obvious imperative need for reduction in loan expenditure, greatly increased funds from revenue (i.e. rates) to meet expenditure were needed.

A statement showing the position in broad detail would have been most illuminative.

It could have given some satisfaction to supporters of the council and a degree of agreement from its opponents.

No such statement has so far been made to ratepayers.

The estimates, we submit, are not sufficient without interpretation and explanation.

Altona Working Men's Club News

Although the Altona Working Men's Club indoor bowls competitions for 1966 have finished, this does not mean the end of indoor bowling for any members who are interested.

Indoor bowls will still be played on Thursday nights, and the club would like to see as many as possible come along tonight and every Thursday.

THE BEETLE DRIVE

The Beetle Drive is the next function on the program in the closing stages of 1966—this Friday, December 16, at 8 p.m.

Donation charge is 30c to cover costs of prizes and provide tea and biscuits, after the beetles have been counted.

Come along and enjoy an entertaining and relaxing evening.

THE ASSOCIATES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Eighty-seven members of the Associate Section had an hilarious evening at their Christmas break-up meeting and party on Monday, December 12.

The duty committee man at the door had difficulty in deciding whether some of the associates dressed up for the part in their "back to school" effort for the party were really over 21.

It was a pleasure to see so many of the associates entering into the spirit of the party night. Dressing up in so many queer school uniforms and dresses of the horse and buggy days.

Vi Walker and Joan Thomas were acclaimed as the best school girls of the night and all wished them well in their future studies.

After declaring the results of their grand Christmas Hamper effort, the winners were—

1st: P. Duncan, 42 Oxford St., Newport (ticket No. 1534); 2nd:

W. Noonan, 59 Blyth St., Altona (0594); 3rd: D. McIntyre, 263 Esplanade, Altona (2222).

The party really got under way with music, songs and sketches and for the first time in seven years associates were able to have refreshments in their ladies lounge in their own clubrooms. A pity the rooms was not completely furnished, but that's on the way.

CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE

Although many active club members will be away on their annual vacation before and after Christmas, the Dance Committee believe there will be sufficient members who would like to come along to the club on Christmas eve for a dance and social occasion.

The dance band has been engaged and tickets at 50c each will be available by this weekend.

Bring your own supper and mince pies, but candles will be available for the Carols by Candlelight part of the evening.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Management Committee has declared New Year's Eve a "special occasion" and there will be a New Year's Eve dance at the club.

Male or female friends of club members can be invited as a guest for that evening and become honorary members for that night and enjoy all facilities of the club.

The Estimates

The estimates for 1966-67 show an estimated expenditure of \$1,545,980. This in fact is a decrease of the previous year's total estimates of \$1,690,260. However, loan raisings in that year were set at \$600,000 which was \$400,000 greater than this year.

Loan service charge in the earlier year reached as high as 39% of rates. Even with the greatly increased rates they will be at 36% this year.

Aspect that gives concern is the slow growth of Altona's net annual valuation. In 1965 it was 3%, this year an all time low of 1% is recorded.

A broad comparison between the two years is as follows—

	1965-66	1966-67
Deficit	\$40,000	\$47,660
Roads-Streets	390,500	262,120
Health Services	178,010	224,330
Council Properties	459,038	228,600
Other Works	96,270	75,220
Debt Services	270,000	336,800
Grants and Contributions	83,400	92,800
Administration	147,696	161,150
Transfers	25,346	45,600
Expenditure on capital items included in above		181,000
Total	\$1,690,260	\$1,545,980
Ex-Loans	600,000	208,000
Ex-Revenue	\$1,090,260	\$1,337,980

Liberal Win in Lalor

At Sunshine, on Monday, December 12, Mr. A. J. Walsh the Divisional Returning Officer, declared the poll for the seat of Lalor. After the distribution of preferences, and a check of informal votes, Mr. Merv. Lee was declared elected.

The new member thanked Mr. Walsh and his staff for the mighty job of checking the votes in a very large and complex poll. He also thanked all those who had helped win the seat for the Liberal Party after so many years, particularly the Sunshine, Niddrie, Glenroy and Gisborne branches of the party.

A tribute was paid to Mr. Reg Pollard for his long and outstanding service to the Electorate and to Australia generally.

Mr. Lee announced that he would shortly set up an office in one of the suburbs in the heart of the electorate and would be looking forward to a chat with anyone who called in, no matter what political views they had. "It is only by discussion with a large cross section of the community that one can judge the feelings of the Electorate," he stated.

The result of any parliamentary election is always a matter of joy or sorrow to the respective parties concerned.

The electorate of Lalor is no exception.

There are, however, certain aspects of the recent federal election not without significance to Altona residents that must cause disquiet to all thinking people.

Mr. Reg Pollard who had represented Lalor for 17 years appears to have been defeated by his position on the ballot paper.

If the ballot papers had been objectively studied by voters the first candidate on the paper,

Mr. de Tert, on the law of averages, would probably have received well under 1,000 votes (approximating those received by the 6,000 or more other votes the other two independent candidates).

received by Mr. de Tert were apparently cast by voters who put their numbers from 1 to 7 straight down the card thus giving Mr. Lee second preference.

If Mr. Pollard or any other candidate had been in second position on the ballot paper he would have received these second preferences.

To these 6,000 votes can be added the 9,500 informal votes and the 5,500 who did not vote to give a total of 20,000 electors who failed to give a considered decision.

Not only did this 20,000 fail to intelligently use their democratic right of voting but they also definitely prejudiced the efforts of those voters who endeavoured to do their duty.

Final voting figures were:—

De Tert	6,914
Lee	29,211
Marmion	13,706
Parsons	1,568
Pollard	45,243
Spencer	592
Wood	681
Informal	9,480
TOTAL	107,395

After distribution of preferences—

Lee	49,650
Pollard	48,265

Total number of voters on the roll: 113,133.

CRICKET

A GRADE TURF

ALTONA v. NEWPORT FOOTBALLERS.

Altona, winning the toss, elected to bat in perfect conditions. All batsmen showed form, but at times, due to loss of concentration, made elementary errors. This, however, was not capitalised on by the Footballers, whose fielding at times was very poor.

Jim Joyce and Rod Gray opened the innings and once again put on a fine stand of 42 runs, Joyce going leg before wicket to Spilsbury.

Frank Thomas joined Gray and these two added 30 runs before the latter hit a catch off Kevin Page.

Altona coach, Lance Cumming joined Thomas and these two batted steadily and compiled a 50 run partnership until Soderstrom trapped Thomas leg before wicket.

Next batsmen Jack Dellar soon made his presence felt with some powerful hitting. Both batsmen at this stage produced some fine shots, also a few streaky ones which were not accepted by the fieldsmen.

Finally Dellar hit a catch and was out for a well compiled 41.

Cumming, the not out batsman, had managed 73, and this partnership yielded 80 runs.

Cumming and John Duncan opened the bowling and each bowler gained a wicket in his second over. However, Duncan, only playing his second A Grade game, produced a burst of bowling which wrecked the opposition. Having bowled Page for four, he had Soderstrom caught by Joyce next ball. All fieldsmen crowded around the new batsman, Parnaby, hoping for a catch, but Duncan took the task upon himself and bowled Parnaby, thus gaining a hat-trick.

Full congratulations must go to this young lad, who, with sheer determination and regular practice attendance, has emerged as one of Altona's future stars.

A lot of younger and senior players could take this as an example of what a little sacrifice can do.

At stumps Newport Footballers score stood at 5/30. Altona next Saturday must force this advantage to the fullest in the hopes of gaining an outright victory which they need to lift them towards the top four.

ALTONA.—1st Innings:

JOYCE, lbw, b Spilsbury	22
R. GRAY, c, b K. Page	35
THOMAS, lbw, b Soderstrom	25
CUMMING, not out	73
DELLAR, c, b D. Page	41
Sundries	6

TOTAL 4 wickets (dec.) for 202

BOWLING: K. Page 1/21, D. Page 1/27, J. Spilsbury 1/38, Soderstrom 1/44.

NPT. FOOT.—1st Innings:

HENWOOD, not out	12
DURBRIDGE, c, b Duncan	9
D. PAGE, b Cumming	0
K. PAGE, b Duncan	4
SODERSTROM, c, b Duncan	0
PARNABY, b Duncan	0
SPILSBURY, not out	0
Sundries	5

TOTAL 5 wickets for 30

BOWLING: J. Duncan 4/7, L. Cumming 1/18.

B GRADE TURF

KOROROIT STARS V. ALTONA.

Altona won the toss and batted first on a good wicket at the Strand Reserve against Kororoit Stars.

After getting a reasonable start of 2/28, Altona then collapsed completely and were all out for 34, due to some excellent bowling by Stan Hatt and Ken West.

The bowlers were aided by some very weak batting by the Altona team and it would be hard to describe the pathetic efforts of most of the Altona batsmen.

Kororoit Stars then batted and showed Altona that there was nothing to be gained from the wicket.

Altona followed on their poor batting efforts by a similar display in the field.

The fielding was shocking, it was a sorry team that walked off the field at the end of the day.

ALTONA.—1st Innings:

LEWIS, c, b West	5
MILNER, b West	3

KOROROIT STARS.—1st Innings:

DUNSTAN, c, b Kirk	12
DEY, c, b Kirk	32
MASON, c, b Goucher	29
WALKER, b Cook	31
PORTER, b Kirk	1
MC DONALD, b Goucher	9
THOMPSON, b Kirk	4
HATT, not out	23
OUTEN, not out	2
Sundries	8

TOTAL 7 wickets for 151

BOWLING: F. Kirk 4/43, D. Goucher 2/36, R. Cook 1/10.

C GRADE TURF

NEWPORT FOOTBALLERS v. ALTONA.

Altona won the toss and decided to bat on a pitch that appeared to crumble later in the day. Altona's poor batting form in past games has lost them many matches, so they were instructed to concentrate much harder and to hit hard at any balls loose.

This they carried out to the letter and some good batting was seen from Kevin Flett, Joe Mildenhall and Dick Conradi, the latter player hitting two good sixes and several fours.

Ray Patton showed improved form with the bat, and wasn't afraid to hit out at the loose balls.

Altona declared just before tea at 9/177 and so saved 10 minutes on the innings change.

Mildenhall and Conradi opened the bowling and quickly settled into a length and surprisingly got very little help from the wicket, but after a few overs Conradi warmed up and bowled very well. In his 6/14 he took two wickets with successive balls. Young Greg Critchley had bad luck when he bowled, having a catch dropped in an impressive over. He has a small problem to 'straighten out his foot placing in the bowling box when he delivers the ball.

Newport were all out for 37 and were forced to follow on.

Dick Conradi and Greg Critchley continued the attack and at the end of the first day's play

Newport were 1/8 in the second innings.

ALTONA.—1st Innings:

DUCKETT, b Welsh	26
FLETT, b Costello	40
BRUCE, c, b Horton	8
CRITCHLEY, b Horton	2
DAVIES, b Horton	3
MILDENHALL, b Rich	23
MCCULLY, c, b Rich	11
SIZELAND, b Costello	0
CONRADI, not out	37
PATON, c, b Costello	17
CAHILL, not out	0
Sundries	9

TOTAL 177

BOWLING: Costello 3/28, Rich 3/45, Horton 2/47, Welsh 1/31.

NEWPORT.—1st Innings:

HADDEN, b Conradi	18
NORMAN, run out	1
MOSTON, c, b Ducket	1
COSTELLO, c, b Ducket	1
RICH, b Conradi	10
KARKLINS, b Conradi	0
BARKER, lbw, b Conradi	0
DURBRIDGE, b Conradi	4
WELSH, not out	0
DOOLEY, absent	0
PIKE, absent	0
Sundries	3

TOTAL 37

BOWLING: Conradi 6/14, Duckett 1/5, Critchley 0/12, Mildenhall 0/13.

NEWPORT.—2nd Innings:

COSTELLO, b Conradi	1
RICH, not out	2
HADDEN, not out	4
Sundries	1

TOTAL 1 wicket for 8



The Social Whirl

If you have any news of a birthday, engagement, wedding, or social event, it can be included in these pages. Phone 65-8277—there is no charge.

ALTONA HIGH BOYS RETURN FROM TASMANIA

After an exciting, but exhausting, eight-day excursion to Tasmania, Form 4A boys from Altona High School, accompanied by their form teacher, Mr. A. Simpson, and Mr. P. Borg returned by air to Melbourne on Tuesday of last week.

The boys left Melbourne on the Princess of Tasmania on November 28 and arrived in Devonport next morning, many of them minus their stomachs.

By bus they journeyed to the old mining town of Zhan and Queenstown where they stayed overnight.

Next day on the way to Bronte Park they visited the hydro-electric power stations at Taraleah and Tungatinah.

From Bronte Park the boys went up through the lakes and mountains of central Tasmania, staying overnight at Deloraine and then south to Hobart where they stayed four nights.

Day trips from Hobart included visits to Port Arthur, Mt. Wellington and Cadbury's chocolate factory.

On the eighth day the party went north to Beauty Point and after a launch trip returned to Launceston to catch their plane to Melbourne.

Before leaving Tasmania presentations were made to the many people who extended hospitality to the group.

Needless to say both students and teachers were rather tired after eight days of travelling, but all agreed it was a worthwhile experience and wish to thank all those people who helped to make the trip possible.

Hockey Club Vice-President Weds

Well-known Altona Hockey Club player, Anthony William (Tony) Docker, and Irene Patricia English were married at St. John's Church of England, Darlinghurst, on Saturday, November 26.

The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. S. English, of Cronulla, New South Wales, and the groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Docker, of 12 Millers Road, Altona.

For her marriage the bride wore an Empire-line gown and train trimmed with guipure lace and carried a bouquet of frangipanis.

She was attended by three bridesmaids and one flower girl, all dressed in gold.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Henshall came down from Brisbane to Sydney for the wedding. Alan was best man and is a former resident of Altona.

The wedding had a distinct interstate flavour. Alan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Henshall, of Railway Street, Altona, travelled over for the occasion, the chief bridesmaid came from Canberra and the flower girl from Melbourne.

The bride's mother wore an aqua frock and coat with a royal navy aqua hat, the bridegroom's mother wore a bone frock with matching hat and nigger brown accessories.

A reception for 100 guests was held at the Hotel Australia.

The couple spent their honeymoon at the Great Barrier Reef and have now moved into a flat at Caulfield.

Altona C.W.A. Hold Break-up

The Altona branch of the Country Women's Association held a chicken luncheon party at the Hotel Central last Monday.

Special guests at this Christmas break-up were several of Altona's older residents.

Gifts were exchanged and an enjoyable time had by all.

The group is now in recess until January 23, when a special day will be held at the home of Mrs. Flo McDonald, 4 Blyth St. Members are to take their own lunch, a gift, and if they desire, a friend.

ST. EANSWYTHE'S CAROL SERVICE

The annual candlelight service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held in St. Eanswythe's Church of England at 7 p.m. next Sunday, December 18.

Each Lesson will be read by a member of a different organisation of St. Eanswythe's and many of the Carols will be rendered by the enthusiastic choir.

St. Eanswythe's Special Communion

The annual Midnight Communion Service will commence at St. Eanswythe's at 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve with the Blessing of the Crib, and will then continue with Procession and the Eucharist. Services on Christmas Day are Holy Communion at 8 and 9.30 a.m., and Evensong at 7 p.m.

Inaugural Reunion of 1957 6th Grade

The inaugural reunion of the 1957 sixth grade of the Altona Primary School was held at the Altona R.S.L. Hall on Saturday, December 3.

The evening took the form of a supper dance and was a great success.

Mr. Ben T. Lockyer, the revered teacher of the class, was guest of honour. Mr. Lockyer, who is now teaching at Ballarat school, astounded many guests by recognising his ex-pupils at first sight. He was pleased to find that many of the pupils did achieve success in later life.

A feature of the evening was a short resume by each ex-pupil of his or her present employment and interesting experiences since leaving the school.

A well-known ex-pupil, Douglas Osborne, a former member of the Melbourne pop group, 'The Henchmen,' with the help of others present, entertained.

Wayne Martin was the organiser of the reunion and he is to be congratulated for the efficient and tireless manner in which he went about his task.

ELDERLY CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS DINNER

One hundred and eighty-four members were at the Altona Elderly Citizens' Christmas dinner held in the clubrooms last Saturday.

The dinner was prepared by the Altona Youth Club social committee and young girls from the club waited on the tables.

The elderly citizens sincerely thank the ladies for providing such a wonderful meal and the girls for their assistance.

The day was topped off with a dance in the evening. A record crowd attended.

Winner of the Ugly Man Contest was announced. He was Mr. Claude Keeshan, who was presented with a gift by Cr. J. J. Giffner, M.P.

Gifts were also presented to the other two entrants who were defeated by a "short half head"—Mr. Arthur Hansen and Mr. Harold Snowling.

The raffle for the blankets and sheets was drawn on December 7.

Winning ticket No. 2157 was held by Mrs. A. Bailey, 18 Laurence Court, Altona North. Second prize went to Mrs. J. Blackie, 4 Myrtle Grove, Altona, ticket No. 2243.

Ticket sellers and supporters of this raffle are thanked for their efforts in helping to make this project a success.

Churches and Drama Group Co-operate

All the Christian churches in Altona and the Altona Drama Group are co-operating to produce a Passion Play on the Wednesday before Easter, 1967.

This is an example of a field where the churches can co-operate immediately and nothing but good, and the removal of prejudices by the making of friends can come of such a venture.

The Play is "Angels Un-awares" by Stuart B. Jackman. It is well-known and contemporary and makes a fascinating study of the Christian message in modern life. Mrs. Sue Nette is producing the play and is holding auditions in St. Eanswythe's Church Hall on Friday, December 16, at 8 p.m.

REUNION AFTER 23 YEARS

It was a very moving reunion last week when Mrs. Ivan Toom, of Wren Street, Altona, and her mother, Mrs. Erica Mikk, met for the first time in 23 years.

Mrs. Mikk has migrated from Estonia and flew in to Melbourne on Tuesday of last week. This ends 13 years of continued attempts to get Mrs. Mikk, now 62 years of age, out of Estonia.

Her first impressions of Australia include astonishment at the merchandise available in the stores. In Estonia flour is still rationed and many every day commodities are unavailable. The people still form long queues to obtain necessary items of food. Mrs. Mik is astounded at the array of clothes which can be purchased.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Toom came from Estonia but migrated to England a number of years ago. In 1960 they came to Australia. Mrs. Toom is on the staff of the Altona District Hospital.

Mr. Toom still has relatives in Estonia—his parents and two brothers and their families.

Camera Club News

A report from the Altona Camera Club representatives on a meeting with the Altona Shire Council was given to members last Friday night.

The council will donate a trophy to the club for competition between members.

As it is generally agreed that the club has advanced enough to warrant election of a competition committee Messrs. B. Hawkins, R. Osborne and N. Canning were elected to this committee on Friday night.

Proceeds from a successful barbecue held last Sunday night will go towards buying a slide projector for club use.

Students "Adopt" Indian Orphan

Students of Form 4A, Altona High School, have just "adopted" an Indian orphan as their social service effort for the year.

Earlier this year they raised \$80 through a series of functions and by giving liberally from their own pocket money.

The orphan is K. Rajam, who lives at the Seva Samajan Girls' Home, Madras.

She came from Secunderabad. After her mother died in 1958, she came with her father, who was a railway coolie, to Madras. The father became ill and after his recovery both he and his daughter had to go about begging. Later the father had an attack of colera and died in hospital.

As K. Rajam was now quite destitute, she was admitted to the home, where she is now very happy and grateful for all the help and care she is now receiving. She is an intelligent girl and is very useful to the little ones in her group. She works hard in her class, is now in Standard V, and is good at mathematics.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. LUKE'S

On Sunday night at 7 p.m. St. Luke's will have its annual Nine Lesson Carol Service.

The Lessons, which move through the Old Testament prophecies to the birth of Christ, will be read by members of the congregation. The service will be followed by supper in the hall.

On Christmas Day there will be a Mid-night Mass and a Holy Eucharist at 9.30 a.m.

ALTONA NORTH C.E.B.S.

The Altona North branch of the Church of England Boys' Society at St. Luke's will end the year with a Parents Night and Presentation of Awards, beginning at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, December 16.

The branch has grown to an enrollment of 40 in two years, and will divide into senior and junior sections in 1967.

Three boys from the branch will go to the National Camp at Langwarren after Christmas, and others to the Junior Camp at Frankston.

ELDERLY CITIZENS ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Altona Elderly Citizens Welfare Committee wishes to acknowledge the following donations towards the Commer bus—
Mrs. A. Sturley \$1.00
Anonymous \$1.00
Mrs. Wells \$1.00
Mrs. Moore \$2.00
Sister McDonald \$1.00
Mrs. Dolly Smith \$3.00
TOTAL \$9.00

The committee would also like to thank the Lions Club of Altona for fixing the TV set, which had been on the blink for some time. Many thanks, Lions.

Seaholme Kinder Special Effort

The special effort for a Christmas hamper conducted by the Seaholme Kindergarten has been finalised. First prize went to Kevin Studley, of Milers Road, and Mrs. Periklis won second prize.

Combined Coral Service

A combined Carols by Candlelight Service will be held in the Methodist Church Hall, Seves Street, Altona, at 8.15 p.m. next Sunday, December 18.

All are welcome, service will be provided by the newly established Altona Band.

Mothers' Club Gives Mr. Sier Luncheon

A tartan travelling rug was presented to Mr. A. D. Sier, head master of Altona High School, at a luncheon provided by the Mothers' Club last Tuesday and attended by the school staff and club members.

President of the club, Mrs. Mary Stanyer, handed the rug to Mr. Sier, who is leaving the school at the end of this week. For Mrs. Sier there was a sheath of flowers.

A number of club members were presented with certificates and stars awarded by the Victorian Federation of Mothers' Clubs in recognition of continued effort by mothers.

After five years continuous service members are presented with a certificate and thereafter with a star for each extra year until 10 years of service has been reached when they qualify for a higher Federation Award.

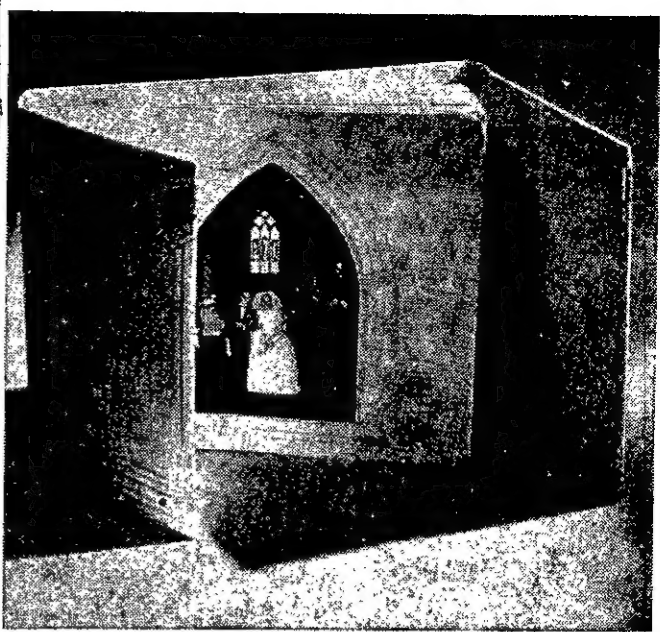
Three of the members present at the luncheon are original members of the Altona High School Mothers' Club, which was formed when the school opened eight years ago.

The three star awards were to these members, Mesdames Sloan (the club's first president), Whiter and Marr.

Mrs. Beltins received two stars (seven years service) and Mrs. Tydens one star (six years).

Having just completed five years continued work with the club, certificates were presented to Mesdames Bush, Garde and Hitchcock.

Mr. Sier congratulated all of these mothers on their efforts over the years.



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A.N.T.S. AWARD DAY

On Wednesday afternoon, December 7, the Petroleum Refineries (Australia) Pty. Ltd. Auditorium was well filled for the Altona North Technical School's annual presentation of awards and certificates.

Mr. W. J. Piggott, president of the school council, in welcoming a distinguished panel of guests and parents, spoke highly of the work done by the school during the last year.

Stephen Fellows, of form 3H, presented the last instalment of the \$500 the school has raised this year towards the "Freedom From Hunger Campaign." (Stephen's form raised \$65.)

In thanking the school for its wonderful effort, Mr. McKeon, Victorian vice-president of the "Freedom From Hunger Campaign," outlined the work of the campaign and gave a very interesting account of F.A.O. (Food and Agricultural Organisation), a branch of the United Nations. He emphasised that the work of the campaign was all the more urgent because of the rapidly expanding world population.

He stated that those countries with the highest birthrates were those with the lowest agricultural development. The aim of the "Freedom From Hunger Campaign" and F.A.O. was to help these "developing" countries with technical advice, education, so that these people can provide for themselves. "Give a man a fish," he said, "and you give him a meal. But teach him how to fish and you feed him for life."

He stressed the fine work which Australia has done in this field and thanked the school for its generous contribution.

The annual Mothers' Club Scholarship Award was presented to Jeff Winter, 1A, the dux of the first form. The presentation was made by Mrs. Russ, president of the Mothers' Club.

Mr. J. Wild, the school sports master, in introducing the sports awards winners to Mr. Piggott, who presented these awards, outlined some of the schools outstanding sporting achievements during the year. Of special interest was the news that the

school would be elevated to A Section next year in both athletics and swimming.

The principal, Mr. W. R. Seamer, presented his report, which was given in detail as a supplement to the program outlined to the meeting some of the difficulties the school had experienced over staffing, and told how these problems had been overcome. A very successful year resulted. He thanked all those who had given to the Assembly Hall Fund and reported that over \$7535 is in hand for the urgently needed assembly hall. A note of sadness crept into the meeting when it was learnt that the popular maths department head, Mr. W. Bradshaw, would be leaving to take up a new position as headmaster of Bairnsdale Technical School. Mr. Seamer referred to the great efforts Mr. Bradshaw had made during his seven years at the school and said how sorry the school was to be losing such a fine teacher.

Following a very warm round of applause, Mr. Bradshaw then replied, thanking Mr. Seamer for his remarks and emphasising that what he had done was only possible because of the assistance he had received from the whole school.

Those students who had successfully studied for their leaving certificates at the school during the year were presented with these by the District Inspector of Schools, Mr. H. T. Message.

Cr. H. W. Lee (deputy president, Altona Shire Council) in presenting the Senior Citizenship Award to the school captain, Dale Sampson, said he believed that citizenship is a very valuable quality ranking second only

to knowledge. He congratulated the school on its achievements and in particular he commended Dale for his efforts in earning the Citizenship Award.

Beach Subsidy For Altona Shire

Each year the State Government makes available funds to assist and encourage municipal councils and other authorised bodies in keeping the popular beaches clear of broken glass, litter, etc.

Following receipt of an application from the Altona Shire Council, the Minister for Local Government, Mr. R. J. Hamer, has allocated a subsidy of \$2000 on a \$1 for \$1 basis towards the cost of beach cleaning in Altona during the current financial year.

Relieve Pressure On Primary Schools

The present staffing policy towards primary schools is inflexible, said Mr. D. P. Schubert, general secretary of the Victorian Teachers' Union, in a report released last week.

Mr. Schubert asserts that in implementing the ratio of one teacher for 40 pupils the Education Department ignores in many schools the uneven age distribution.

The report continues: Children do not come to our schools in multiples of 40. In a desperate effort to reduce class sizes, head teachers have been forced to form composite grades. In other words, two combined classes with the same teacher.

Teaching at two levels is not necessarily bad, but when this is done the class must be small—not more than about 30.

Four hundred of these classes with more than 35 pupils exist in Victorian schools.

This composite class practice is an unsatisfactory makeshift method which has the appearance of lessening the overcrowding problem. It is bad because it places a great strain on the teacher's resources. When such a class is large, teaching can never be satisfactory.

The Department's official survey, released recently, had confirmed all the more alarming aspects of the union's survey. It has shown that at least 149,000 children, or 45 per cent. of those in State primary schools, are being taught in classes of 38 or more.

However, the true seriousness of the situation behind these figures can be grasped only when it is realised that many thousands of these children are in these makeshift composite classes.

The Education Department should accept the staffing schedule of one teacher to 40 children as a minimum requirement. Special needs, requirements and difficulties of individual schools should be the basis for extra teachers being appointed.

Schools with large new Australian enrolments should be supplied with extra teachers.

The union's survey shows one school with one teacher in excess of the approved staffing schedule for a school of its size. Yet at this school there are two classes of over 50, as well as a composite class of 38. There is a spare classroom at this school.

There are many similar cases on the union's files of schools with serious overcrowding problems although they are "fully staffed" according to official schedules.

Such cases underline the union's case for a revision of the basis of the Department's staffing schedules, because of their inflexibility. The staff schedules work reasonably well when age and grade-level numbers are evenly spread throughout the school. When these levels fluctuate, as they are now doing more than ever, the official schedules break down and become completely unsatisfactory.

Seventeen schools with classes in excess of 50 children have spare rooms. By appointing extra teachers to these schools the overcrowding could be solved.

At other schools the overcrowding is caused by a shortage of classrooms as well as the shortage of teachers.

The union is asking for at least 800 extra primary teachers and a similar number of new classrooms to overcome this gross overcrowding.

The Department could act immediately to ease this critical overcrowding. Many trained primary teachers, particularly married women, are available for re-appointment, either in a temporary or permanent capacity.

Newport Baseballers Call Public Meeting

A public meeting is to be held at Newport Football Ground next Sunday, December 18, 1966, at 10 a.m.

This meeting is being called to form the Newport Baseballers' Club and all interested persons are invited to attend.

As well as all interested persons, all members (past and present) of the Newport Baseball Club, Newport Baseballers' Cricket Club and Newport Summer Baseball Club are urged to attend.

Williamstown City Council has allotted the Newport Baseball Club the Park Crescent Reserve to develop and the club has had plans drawn up for this venture.

Two baseball diamonds, two turf cricket pitches, a tennis court, bowling and trugo greens and spacious clubrooms have been planned for the area.

The meeting has been called to form the Newport Baseballers' Club, which will conduct all sporting activities on the Park Crescent Reserve.

The ground is adjacent to the proposed Williamstown Lions Club Elderly Citizens' Village.

The reserve is large enough to accommodate all the proposed sporting activities and recently Newport Baseball Club had the area graded.

Previous to this members of the club spent many Saturday afternoons and other days blasting and clearing rocks from the ground.

Now, from an area which was an eyesore of thistles and rocks, the ground is starting to take shape.

It is imperative that as many people as possible attend this meeting as the development of the reserve will be of benefit not only to those clubs and persons previously mentioned, but also to the beautification of the district.

SCHOOLS MAY BE OVERCROWDED

Overcrowding will be chaotic and dangerous at the Seaholme and Altona West Primary Schools at the beginning of the new school year, reports Mr. D. P. Schubert, general secretary of the Victorian Teachers' Union.

He said that a survey undertaken by the V.T.U. revealed the following conditions at the schools—

ALTONA WEST
Overcrowded classes and serious overcrowding exists at the Altona West Primary School. The Grade 3 class has more than 50 pupils. The combined Grades 3 and 4 has 44 pupils and the combined Grades 5 and 6 41 pupils. Other grades are: Grade 6, 44 pupils; Grade 4, 44; and Prep, A, 41.

Extra classrooms are required and have been approved by the Education Department, but no indication has been given when these rooms will be built.

Unless extra classrooms are provided, dangerous overcrowding will exist at this school.

SEAHOLME
Serious overcrowding exists at the Seaholme Primary School. Four classes have more than 47 pupils and the class sizes are increasing throughout the year. A combined, beginners and Grade 1 has 37 pupils; a combined Grade 5 and 6, 40.

Extra classrooms are required urgently to meet the increasing school population.

As nothing has been done this year the overcrowding will be chaotic at the beginning of the new school year.

Remedial action is required to try and relieve the pressure.

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Good Weather For Sailing

Hoorah! Hoorah! Perfect sailing weather at last! Racing by the Altona Yacht Club on Saturday was held in ideal conditions.

Light to moderate south-easterly breezes made sailing a most pleasant and relaxing affair. The steady breeze kept boats moving freely all afternoon—a welcome contrast to previous weeks with little or no wind at all.

In the HORNET CLASS, Ted Philipps used a new spinnaker with apparently pleasing results. Although third over the start line in "Laphil," he was leading at the end of the first lap with Alan Robinson in second position at this stage in "Marion II." Colin McKinley's boat "Sabre" was hampered on the other hand with a spinnaker which refused to work properly. As a result he trailed all afternoon.

Whilst "Laphil" was never seriously challenged for the entire race, great tactical sailing was staged in the battle for the minor placings. John Butterworth in "Jet," Alan Robertson in "Marion II" and Alan Tyrrell in "Matelet" duelled with each other in a manner of sailing which can make a race full of interest, even when there is no challenge for the leading position.

Final Results were—

1st: "Laphil" (Ted Philipps), in 1 hour, 14 minutes; 2nd: "Jet" (John Butterworth); 3rd, "Matelet" (Alan Tyrrell).

In the MOTH CLASS the start was marred by "Feluca" (Glen Tippet) unwittingly crossing the line before the starting signal. Unfortunately the race official were unable to contact Glen at the time and he sailed the course without being able to participate in the result.

"Struan De'il (Keith Robertson) was first, with "Curlew" (Laurie Pound) second, and "Kiwa" filling third place.

The HERON CLASS race was full of interest. John Grieve's new boat, "Touche," streaked to an impressive lead and was never challenged all afternoon. This boat is probably one of the fastest Herons in Victoria and at this stage is probably capable of being further improved. As in the Hornet event, the tactics were in evidence amongst the boats grouped together down the field. "Banshee," sailed by Peter Harvey, and "Pee Wee" (Jim Gieves) were always prominent. Of the dozen odd boats trailing the leaders there were many dramatic changes of placings. "Impulse" (Frank Mallett), after starting second last, forged ahead of seven boats in a dramatic feat of sailing which is difficult to achieve in Heron racing.

Final results were—

1st: "Touche" (John Grieve); 2nd: "Pee Wee" (Jim Grieve); 3rd: "Banshee" (Peter Harvey).

Saturday's sailing illustrated the need for continual concentration on wind shifts. It was very noticeable that many boats were unaware that the wind direction was varying up to 15 to 20 degrees at times. Those skippers who did recognise this situation were able on many occasions to pick up boats which had previously been better placed. Particularly in the Heron race it was very evident that a whole bunch of skippers, all stacking one behind the other were all dropping away from the windward buoy. Apparently no one having noticed a big shift in the wind direction.

The moral of the story is of course to stress how vitally necessary it is to line the bow of the boat with a mark on the horizon and immediately change tack if the boat cannot keep pointing to this mark. Another factor also emerging from this incident was the apparent indifference of the skippers of these boats to the fact that, in sailing one behind the other they were all in "dirty wind," and at a distinct disadvantage as a result. This illustrates the necessity for boats getting into clear wind at the first opportunity by changing tack.

With a view to perhaps providing useful information to beginners, any glaring errors

Altona Pedal Club

At the Annual meeting the following office bearers were elected for the year 1967.

Secretary—Mrs. Behend.
President—Mr. Stiles.
Treasurer—Mrs. Wilson.

At the rally last Sunday we were champion club of heat 2.

Trophy winners were Carol Lynette, Gail and Eric. Certificates were also won by Faye, Christine, Karen, Drane and Kevin.

Congratulations to you all, also to all riders for the good work they have done for the club throughout the year.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we will see you all next year.

ALTONA EAST

PRIMARY SCHOOL

CRICKET AND SOFTBALL PREMIERSHIPS.

DINPANARI completed a sporting double when it convincingly won both summer Premier-ships. The two wins were triumphs for house teacher, Mr. C. Ellam, who leaves Altona East this year, as he had trained both teams well.

CRICKET.

1st SEMI—Dinpanari 73 d. Panparita 27.

2nd SEMI—Monana 61 d. Maratata 55.

FINAL—Dinpanari 111 d. Monana 3.

In an incredible result for a final, Dinpanari bundled Monana out for only 3 runs, 2 of which were sundries, Monana captain, Wayne Tribe, was the only player to score a run.

TOP BATSMEN—M. Cassar, (Din) 182; G. Fullarton (Din) 155; G. Williams (Din) 152; D. Mills (Mara) 135; D. Doherty and J. Ryan (Pan) 132.

TOP BOWLERS—G. Fullarton (Din) 47/171; D. Doherty (Pan) 41/215; W. Tribe (Mon) 34/297; M. Cassar (Din) 32/119; G. Madden (Mon) 28/270.

HOUSE AGGREGATE—Dinpanari 752, Panparit 457, Maratata 452, Monana 390.

2nd FINAL—Maratata 52 d. Panparita 34.

SOFTBALL.

1st SEMI—Panparit 15 d. Maratata 13.

2nd SEMI—Dinpanari 50 d. Monana 5.

FINAL—Dinpanari 36 d. Panparita 7.

In another run-away victory, Dinpanari proved far too strong for a struggling Panparita.

TOP SCORERS—C. Marasea (Din) 35; A. Sfameni (Pan) 30; A. Fiorentini (Din) and S. Hatzis (Pan) 29; D. Deluca (Mara) 28.

HOUSE AGGREGATE—Dinpanari 222, Panparita 184, Maratata 165, Monana 94.

2nd FINAL—Panparita 12 d. Dinpanari 9.

CITIZENSHIP.

Monana won the 1966 Citizenship Award, after the lead had changed a number of times in the past few weeks. The house name will now be placed on the school Honour Board, and also on the Altona Council Shield.

FINAL RESULTS—Monana 2,340; Maratata 2,326; Panparita 2,313; Dinpanari 2,194.

MARCHING.

Monana also won the House Marching Competition, and will have its name inscribed on the R. L. Gilbertson Shield.

FINAL RESULTS—Monana 295, Maratata 282½, Panparita 279, Dinpanari 277½.

noticed in the racing will be highlighted each week in future editions of the "Star." This, it is hoped, will aid in raising the standard of racing at Altona, which is already at a fairly high level.



Dear Sir,

I desire to express my thanks to your correspondent Vera V. Wells ("Star," Dec. 8, 1966), for having noticed my letter in the "Star" Dec. 1. Maybe she read the letter, albeit not very thoroughly as having perused my letter again I cannot possibly read into it either directly or obliquely any reference to Mr. Calwells courage. This of course was only a diversionary tactic on your correspondents part and is as old as warfare and politics.

The Medes and Persians used it in warfare, and politically it is used by those who have either (a) no answer to the matter under discussion or (b) are espousing a lost cause.

Her reference to 'drivel' and 'brain washing', bitterly disappoints me. Having had a vote for over forty years I have heard these same remarks so many times, after all they have only won 4 out of 26 Federal elections.

When the A.L.P. win an election (very seldom) all the voters are very smart and do not fall for the newspapers drivel but when they lose (very often) the people have been brain washed and they blame every one but themselves.

So, Vera V. Wells those are my opinions. I am entitled to them as I am entitled to express my dissension with the mismanagement of OUR funds. I am entitled to ask why underpasses were built at twice the cost of overpasses. Underpasses which at one inspection were a filthy mess, which had broken lights and one of which had been used as a toilet. I am entitled to ask why 1200 dollars was wasted on a Welcome-Farewell sign of doubtful value and finally I am entitled to ask who is going to pay the \$500 to have the rates notices reprinted after council had prevaricated for weeks on how much we are going to be slugged.

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Mr. Houlihan was previously manager at Clunes.

During the Second World War Mr. Houlihan was in the Navy. He served in H.M.A.S. Cape Lecuwinn and H.M.A.S. Torikina, mainly in the South Pacific area.

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Altona Tennis Club Teams

Altona Tennis Club's senior and junior teams for Saturday, December 17, are as follows—

SENIORS

A-Grade v. Footscray, at Altona.—R. Graham, A. Melouney and C. Trickey. J. Parkinson, M. Harrington and L. Findlay. (Emergencies: Len Findlay and O. Kelly.)

A Reserve 1 v. Kingsville, away.—M. Kelly, J. Kelly and R. Turner. O. Kelly, P. Trickey and T. Smith. (S. Adcock and O. Turner.)

A Reserve 2 v. Footscray, away.—C. Turner, I. Harrington and J. Trickey. L. Hutton, S. Adcock and T. Gunn. (B. Mellington and G. Thomas.)

B Special v. Rosamond, away.—B. Mellington, R. Walker and R. Newgreen. J. Bourke, G. Thomas and J. Spackman. (S. Rose and A. Pimpini.)

B3 v. Central, at Altona.—D. White, G. Russell and A. Pimpini. S. Morrow, J. Hill and C. Harrington. (S. Rose, M. Orchard and K. Walsh.)

Tennis resumes play on February 4. Players unavailable are asked to please contact the committee.

JUNIORS

No. 1 Boys have a bye.

No. 2 Boys v. Liston, at Altona.—G. Wood, P. Sawyer, T. Findlay and C. Sutton. (Emergency: E. Sanfilippo.)

No. 3 Boys v. Roberta, away.—R. Groves, G. Crofts, L. Picta and E. Pular. (E. Valenti.) This match is to be played at Johnson Reserve, Essex Street, West Footscray.

No. 1 Girls v. Diggers, away. M. Orchard, J. Neale, B. Sandilands and J. Walker. (M. Keisel.)

No. 2 Girls v. Youth Club, at Altona.—B. Walker, A. Rafferty, J. Critchley and L. Smith. (S. Keown.)

LIFE SAVERS SUCCESSES AT CARNIVAL

At the Royal Life Saving Society's Indoor Swimming Carnival held at the City Baths on December 7, Altona finished a very creditable third on aggregate.

Eleven clubs participated and the winners were Chelsea, with Frankston filling second place. With a better turn up of senior members Altona could have fared even better.

Among the winners for Altona were Colin Mead, 1st free style, 3rd breaststroke and member of the winning under 14 team in the relay medley race; Sharon Moody, 1st under 12 free style; Colin Mellett, 1st under 16 breaststroke and member of the under 18 relay team; Hank Kip, equal 1st in the open free style.

Also gaining points were Frank Moody, Peter Byrne, Martin Veordag, B. Bourgall, R. Swarbrick, D. Cook, B. Allen, R. Bailey, J. Downes, Susan Little, Nolene Richards, John McQuarrie, Aileen Hudson, E. Kip and Jenny Wise.

A trial carnival was held at South Melbourne last Sunday and although only a small contingent attended from Altona, several places were gained in various events. No points were allocated at this carnival towards the club championships.

The first carnival proper will be held at Carrum on Sunday.

No. 3 Girls v. Liston, at Altona.—R. Webb, J. Findlay, H. Shields and D. Crofts. (Y. Robertson.)

Juniors, please note: This will be the last match until February 4. Practice nights will also conclude until further notice.

December 18, and a good turn up is hoped for to give the club a good start in the A Grade Championship.

GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20, at 7.30 p.m. in the clubhouse. Main business will be carnivals, learn to swim classes and patrols. All members are requested to be present.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary has now gone into recess for the holiday period, but it was pleasing to see Mrs. Sue Parham at the last meeting after an absence of some weeks due to illness.

ACTIVE WEEKEND

The good weather last weekend brought large crowds to our beaches and the kiosk did good business.

It also brought several first-aid cases, including a severely cut knee, which required medical attention, several minor cuts sun-stroke and sunburn.

Despite warnings which are given in these columns every year regarding the use of rubber toys, rafts and motor tubes, etc., particularly when a northerly wind is blowing, the life

savers were kept busy keeping youngsters from drifting out to sea.

However, one youngster, Dave Best, aged 5, was drifting out so fast the life savers could not reach him and the assistance of Mr. Jim Edwards in his yacht had to be called on. The patrol supervisor, Colin Cotter, said that it was most fortunate that Mr. Edwards was in the vicinity.

DON'T "CRY WOLF"

One other safety hint which is well worth heeding—Remember the story of the little boy who was always crying wolf? But when the wolf really came, nobody took any notice of the boy's cries and he was a goner. So don't pretend to be in strife in the water when you aren't. A report from Tampa, Florida, some time ago told of a man, described as a good swimmer, who often cried "help" just to get his mates in. One day he apparently got stomach cramp and genuinely cried "help," but his mates ignored it and he drowned in 12 feet of water.

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BOWLING SCORES

The Open Triples were played at Altona Bowling Club last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, with the finals on Friday night.

This electric light competition was quite a success and the following rinks filled the first four places—J. Liddle, R. Liddle and K. Fleetwood, from Williamstown Club, were first. Blair, Nielsen and Malloy, of Altona, second; Rickards, Curwood and Curry, from Yarraville-Seddon, third; and McNeilage, Stephens, and M. McDonald, from Altona, fourth.

It is quite a pleasure to state what a beautiful day for the pennant matches the clubs had last Saturday and all players have reported how well it was enjoyed. Results are as follows:

Werribee (3) defeated Altona (1) 90-87.—P. Whitmore, Walsh, Mitchell and Monkhouse: 23-25, J. Paul, Hill, Watters and Malloy: 19-23. R. Douglas: Whyte, Carton and Fisher: 22-20. J. Stephens, D. Nettleton, Russell and Mather: 23-22.

West Brunswick (3) defeated Altona (2) 98-87.—Gischus, Neal, D. Don and Watson: 9-32. McNeilage, Crowe, Inglis and I. Douglas: 23-24. Blair, Nielsen, L. Cox and Flynn: 25-25. Webster, Probert, Phillips and McDonald: 30-17.

Altona (3) defeated Princes Park (4) 101-83.—J. Cox, G. Harris, Gore and Burke: 27-21. Crofts, B. Harrison, Richardson and Deegan: 27-24. Roach, McMahon, Condon and McAlpine: 28-12. Grant, Andress, Bromley and W. Harrison: 19-26.

Altona (4) defeated Footscray R.S.L. (2) 99-88.—Franks, Pilcher, L. Smith and Martin: 26-19. Thorneycroft, Buff, Eyre and H. Harris: 23-28. Pugsley, Nichols, Snowden and J. Carr: 25-27. Kelly, Bartolo, Siphthorpe and Critchley: 25-14.

The pennant games for December 17 are: Altona (1) play Reservoir, at Altona; Altona (2) are away to Carlton (3); Altona (3) meet Doughty Galla (4) away; and Altona (4) play Port Melbourne (5) at Altona.

There will be no pennant matches after the above games until February 4, as the Victorian and Australian Championships will be played in that period.

Last Sunday a number of members and associates accompanied the president, Mr. T. Burke, on a visit to the West Geelong Club. With the change of wind from the north to the south-west the afternoon was very pleasant. The West Geelong Club proved excellent hosts and a very good day was had by all.

Cr. Ginifer Presses For Police Station

Cr. J. J. Ginifer, M.P., has asked in State Parliament that a high priority should be given to the establishment of a police station in Altona North.

He said: Again on the basis of priority, I should like to make a plea that a court house should be erected in Altona, because the nearest courts are at Williamstown and Footscray. To assist in the erection of a court house at Altona, and because the Attorney-General's Department did not do so the municipal council has reserved a site for a court house. Moreover, a promise was made some two years ago that a police station would be established in Altona North. In order that adequate provision could be made for the siting of this police station in close proximity to the court house, the Altona council has made the necessary reservation of land so that when revenue is forthcoming the site will be available.

I am aware that it is the intention of the Police Department to establish a police station in Altona North, and I again refer to the matter as being one of high priority, so that some police coverage may be given to the Altona North area. At present this area is serviced by the police station at Kingsville, which is one of the biggest of the newly developing areas to police. Further, much petty pilfering takes place in the new areas. Housing construction is proceeding and much timber and other building materials are left lying about. Persons going by in utilities or with trailers attached to their cars are tempted to pick up some of this material and carry it off. It is impossible for a police station, staffed by some four or five police officers, to cover an area which embraces a population of 30,000 or 40,000 persons.

Cr. GINIFER DRAWS ATTENTION TO LOCAL NEEDS

In a speech in State Parliament, Cr. J. J. Ginifer, M.P., drew attention to several needs of Altona and the western suburbs.

The remarks he made extended from a necessary improvement to the Altona Pier, to hospital needs and a plea for more consideration of the work undertaken at mentally retarded children's centres.

Following are extracts—

A provision of \$120,000 is made for, among other things, improvements to piers, wharves and jetties. I request that part of that amount might be allocated to provide an additional rail on the pier at Altona. I am aware that piers and jetties are not constructed for the use of sight-seers; an additional rail would be a protection for people who go swimming and diving from the Altona piers. Further, sometimes large gatherings of people congregate on them and an additional railing would act as a safety measure, particularly for the younger people.

So far as the Hospitals and Charities Grant is concerned, two hospitals are proposed in the electorate of Grant. One is to be built at Altona North, where 15 to 20 acres of land have been reserved, and the other at Sunshine, where an area has been reserved in Ballarat Road. Maternity wards are needed in this area so that sufficient provision can be made for confinement patients as well as for other patients. Although the sites have been set aside, and although the population in the area is expanding there is no immediate likelihood of money being provided for the construction of the proposed hospitals.

Finally, I direct the attention of the Committee to item 64, which deals with mentally retarded children's centres. To a large extent, the responsibility for the conduct of these centres relies on the charity of a small number of people in the community who are prepared to work enormous hours in a voluntary capacity to raise funds for the establishment of the centres. When one has regard to the work being done within these

Lack of Staff to Investigate Quarries

It appears there is insufficient staff available to ensure that regulations governing operations at quarries are successfully policed said Cr. J. J. Ginifer, M.P., in State Parliament.

He pointed out that a clause in the Extractive Industries Bill enables the Governor in Council to make regulations for or with respect to the operation of quarries. He reminded members of the Committee that these regulations do not come before Parliament and members have no opportunity to comment on them. He said it appears to him that insufficient staff is available to ensure that the regulations are successfully policed.

The clause provides for the making of regulations with respect to the times at which blasting may be carried out and the quantity of explosives that may be used. The Governor in Council is also empowered to make regulations with respect to precautions to be taken and methods to be used to prevent damage to property.

Cr. Ginifer said he hopes sufficient staff will be employed to ensure that these regulations are obeyed by quarries.

The Governor in Council also may make regulations for the prevention, suppression and control of dust and noise at quarries. Cr. Ginifer said that on many occasions these nuisances have occurred and reports have been made to the Mines Department. However, it has been found that the Mines Department has not had sufficient inspectors on the job to ensure that the regulations have been complied with.

It is one thing to make regulations; it is another to see that they are successfully implemented, commented Cr. Ginifer.

Commenting on Cr. Ginifer's remarks, the Minister of Mines, Mr. T. A. Darcy, M.P., said: They all know that it is necessary to have sufficient inspectors to supervise the regulations and that the Government does as well as it can in this respect in the circumstances. With regard to regulations, the Minister said it is the intention of himself and the Mines Department to allow any interested people to assist in the making of regulations.

centres, and to the devotion of the teachers and the supervisors, and when one compares their salaries with those paid to public servants and school teachers, and teachers in special classes or opportunity grades where children are found with similar but not as severe handicaps, one is amazed that sufficient people are available and are prepared to care for these children. It is only because they have a calling that they are dedicated to this kind of social work, but dedication should not be the only incentive. I believe they should be encouraged, given every consideration for the work that they do, and materially rewarded to a much greater extent than they are at present. This cannot be done until the Government accepts its full responsibility and meets the capitalisation and running costs of the necessary institutions.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I note that Cr. Fisher, in justifying the new 13.5 cent rate, states that in 1964 the rate was reduced from 2/2d. to 2/- in the £1 and implies that this contributed to the present state of our finances. This is the kind of sophistry with which our present council attempts to delude the ratepayer.

The rate was certainly reduced from 2/2d. to 2/-, but as properties were revalued at the same time, the rate of 2/- was actually a 20% rise!

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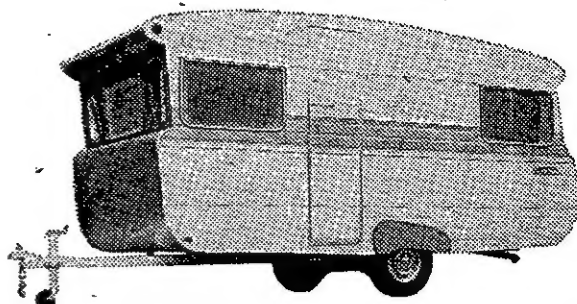
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The total number of houses were worth \$291,961, and the factories were worth \$12,230.

In all, 107 permits were issued for all types of buildings worth a total of \$349,088.

SQUASH COURTS MAY ENLARGE

The squash courts in Millers Road, Altona North, may be enlarged.

Council gave its permission for the extension at its last meeting in Altona Squash Courts Pty. Ltd.

The council agreed that although the land was zoned as residential, the courts were a great amenity to the area.

It also decided to discuss the application further in committee.

The company had asked to extend the squash courts southwards onto land which had been acquired by the firm since the original courts were built.

The original courts were three in number and the extensions southwards to make a wider Millers Road frontage would incorporate two more courts.

The council had to determine whether it condoned this extra increase into residential zoning and whether it would support the application to the Board of Works for a land use permit.

The Board of Works, if it approves of the extensions, would of course, require additional car park space and might even require the applicants to install the usual advertisements of its intentions on the property and in the Press.

HOME AFTER SIX MONTHS TOUR

Mrs. T. Higgins arrived back home this week after 6 months back among her 'Ain Folk' in Scotland.

On the outward trip on Fairstar via Singapore and Colombo Belle did a most interesting bus tour of some 4½ hours taking in city sights—bazaars and then to Mt. Levin where a wonderful panorama view was obtained from near the top of the mountain.

At Suez another most interesting bus trip of some 15 hours, touring Cairo — Pyramids — Sphinx and back to the city sights (and what sights and smelly camels, etc.), then joining the ship again at Port Said.

Arriving at Naples Belle said goodbye to the 'Fairstar' to continue her journey by train.

Staying three days and nights, at Naples, another organised trip along the Vesuvius slopes to the excavated 'City of Pompei', also taking in the 'Isle of Capri' and the famous Blue Grotto, which unfortunately they could not enter that day on account of weather in the bay.

The old saying 'See Naples and Die' thank goodness did not materialise as Belle is still pretty much alive.

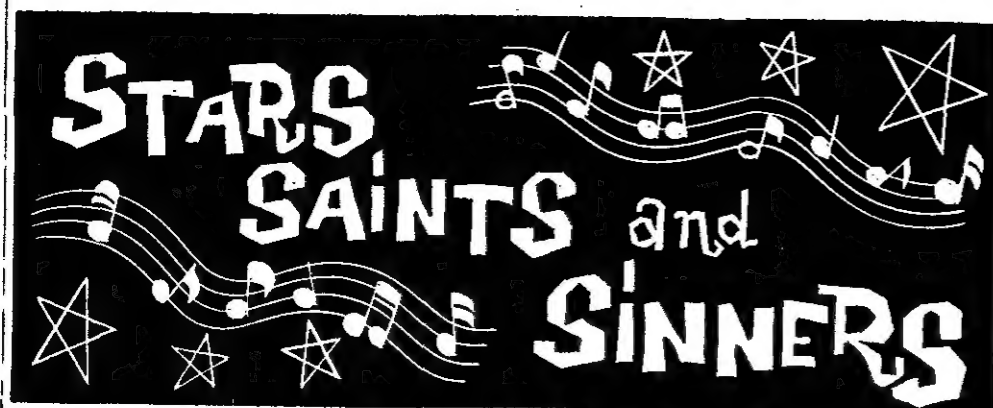
Continuing on to Rome and stopping overnight there and seeing the many famous places of great historical, architectural value, including the Vatican Palace and Coliseum.

From Rome to Paris thence to Calais—Dover and ferry on to London, and eventually Greenock, to a very warm welcome with relatives and friends, and a most enjoyable trip now behind her.

In Scotland Belle toured practically all Scotland and as far as 'John O Groats' and included an enjoyable days outing sailing on Lock Lomond by steamer.

Several enjoyable days were also spent sailing on the Clyde steamers, and renewing the many former acquaintances of her husband who was for over twenty years employed on these vessels, latterly sailing as Master, before coming to Australia in 1952.

Belle also contacted several relatives of Altona residents at



by RON COLEMAN.

The hot weather is on us again and open season has been declared; this is one time in the year when the SINNERS are abundant.

Last Sunday there was the brawl at the "tin-pan alley" end of Pier Street.

And although there was no incidents at all at our S.S.S. Dance, the feature group had only just arrived when their car was stolen.

Luckily for them it was found abandoned nearby, unmarked and with a thousand dollars worth of the group's equipment still there.

I don't think the MARTIN-RYDER TRIO will be dying to come back to Altona as they were caught in the middle of the brawl before they found the Altona Youth Hall and then they had to search for their car before they could play for us.

The trio appeared on "Komotion" a fortnight ago and they played a number of good hit parade songs during their 30-minute spot on Sunday afternoon.

Undoubtedly the most popular band of the four featured on Sunday afternoon were Australia's youngest group, "THE LEPRECAUNS."

You'd have to see these boys to appreciate them. They're all knee-high to a grasshopper, but man, can they play. Under the management of Steve Mayer they'll really become big-time, so far they have appeared on Bobby and Laurie's show, "Dig We Must" and they really slayed the audience at 3U's "Sound Spectacular" competition. One thing's for sure, though, these young lads will one day be amongst the nation's most accomplished musicians, as they are a dynamic stage act now.

Meanwhile, their manager is still trying to find the "Fountain of youth," as it's a shame to know that these boys will not receive the same recognition that they are getting now as they grow older. On Sunday afternoon everybody present applauded the talent of this spectacular little band.

Many members may have been surprised to see a group called "THE ETERNALS" playing.

This is the new name for the old group which was called "The Gay Boys." "The Gay Boys" were originally a two-piece 50/50 dance group, but now, with the addition of guitarists John Joel and Ted Dellamine, they also play pop under the name of "The Eternals."

Pianist Pete Landers sticks to his univox-organ when playing pop and his side-kick, Ian Walsh, lammens away on the drums. This group is to be commended for playing completely free of charge on Sunday as they have also given charity performances before in Altona.

One night Ian and Pete were dragged out of bed to play at the Presidential Evening when the import band failed to show up. We can say with all sincerity that this group is improving with practice all the time, they are conscientious and they possess the talent to take them places. Johnny Joel's singing is a credit to them as they had everyone swinging to the "Skye Boat Song."

Yes, "The Kult" and "The Eternals" are two groups Altona can be proud of.

their request, and no doubt there will be a lot of 'Yakkity Yak' going on among all her friends, particularly of the Associates members of the working mens' club when they meet for a convivial evening, which we hope will be only one of many.

Welcome back, Belle.

Guest artist was Gerry Stuart, lead guitarist of "THE UNKNOWNNS," an Altona group who have disbanded. This was Gerry's farewell performance to pop music in Altona, as he is now playing in a folk trio. The numbers he sang were "Beautiful Delilah" and "The Hollies" number, "Stop! Stop! Stop!"

You can take it officially that "The Unknownns" alias "The Sneakers," have disbanded owing to their drummer taking on shift work and "women trouble" on the part of the other members.

Incidentally, "The Unknownns" claimed to be the only pop group to survive eight brawls at dances in Altona. And so we lament the death of yet another successful group in Altona.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Winner of our talent quest was Trevor Findlay, the only entrant, who sang "Cara-Lyn" and "Giggle-Eyed Gop." He won a free record of his choice from Nev's Variety Bar.

Go-Go winners were Anne MacKellar, and our own Danny Johnston (he'll sue me for this), who also won free records.

NEV'S FREE RECORD

A free platter this week will go to the first member to write in and tell me the name and singer of a well-known Christmas record that is believed to have sold more copies than any other in the world. If you don't know the answer, ask Mum and Dad, they're bound to know.

GO-GO GIRLS

Go-Go Girls "TOP GEAR" and "THE POOR BOYS" did a terrific job at our dance last Sunday, and if you require them for bookings, ring the "Star" stating details.

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We'll be featuring "THE LEPRECAUNS" and a photo of them, and also a new photo and run down on "THE ETERNALS" Discotheque Check will be soon be featured again, and there'll be another photo of "THE KULT" next year girls.

Singer Leaving

We regret the fact that one of "The Kult's" singers, Jim McEwen, is leaving us next year when he goes to New Zealand. Jim will also be missed from the opera group at the Altona High School next year, but never mind, our loss is someone else's gain. I'll bet "The Kult's" other singer, Pete Bleazby, is rejoicing. He'll get twice as many girls now. Anyway, I'm sure you'll all join with me in wishing Jim all the best for the future.

Word has it that "The Kult" may be getting an organist next year, so Altona's two groups, "The Kult" and "The Eternals", will really be battling it out.



TOP TEN

- 1.—Ob La La —Normie Rowe.
- 2.—No Milk Today —Herman and his Hermits.
- 3.—Good Vibration The Beach Boys.
- 4.—Winchester Cathedral —New Vaudeville Band.
- 5.—Spicks and Specks —The Bee Gees.
- 6.—Friday on my Mind —Easybeats.
- 7.—River Deep, Mountain High —Ike and Teena Turner.
- 8.—Sorry —Easybeats.
- 9.—I'm a Boy —The Who.
- 10.—Bend It —Dave Dee Dozy Beaky Mick and Tich.

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QUESTIONS ASKED ON EDUCATION

Several questions relating to high schools in the western suburbs were recently asked in parliament by Cr. J. J. Ginifer, M.P.

Question 13.—In respect of the following high schools:—

Footscray, Footscray Girls, Williamstown, Williamstown Girls, Altona, Altona North, Braybrook, Buckley Park, Maribyrnong, Niddrie, St. Albans, Werribee, Sunshine West, he asked what are:

- the number of students from each who entered each primary teachers' college this year; and
- the number of pupils in each Forms 4, 5, and 6 this year.

The Minister of Education supplied detailed figures which revealed a total of 87 pupils entered the primary teachers college and these were—

1896 students in Form IV, 996 in Form V, and 476 in Form VI.

Cr. Ginifer also asked how many students from these schools were offered studentships at primary teachers' college in each year from 1963 to 1965, inclusive, but elected not to take them up.

The Minister said he knew of Cr. Ginifer's reasons for asking

this question which relates to the desirability of establishing a Teachers' College nearer to the Schools concerned than are any existing Colleges. He said however, that it is not practicable to give an answer before the expected close of the present session, but the Superintendent of Teacher Education is willing to assist in providing the information. The Minister said he will discuss the matter further with Cr. Ginifer.

Next day, when speaking on the Public Works Loan Application Bill Cr. Ginifer suggested that a teachers college should be established in the western suburbs.

He said "To alleviate the staffing situation, and to give an opportunity to teachers to apply for permanent appointment in the western suburbs, I suggest that a teachers' college should be established in the western suburbs so that students, upon leaving high school in that area, could attend that teachers' college and carry out their teaching and training rounds at schools in the western suburbs. As a consequence, they would be more inclined to apply for appointment to schools where they had done their training and which were close to their homes."



Sir,

In seconding the motion to adopt the 13.5 c. rate Cr. A. G. Fisher suggested the council had been unwise to reduce the rate in 1964 from 2/2 to 2/- in the pound. He conveniently forgets to mention that revaluation in 1964 substantially increased the actual rates paid, in my case over 40 per cent.

Presumably based on the 1964 revenue, a promise was made that there would be no increase until the 1968 revaluation.

This proves just how unwise the council has been in its spending during the last 3 years which has made this substantial increase inevitable.

Unless there is a change in policy we will undoubtedly be lumbered with another large increase in 1968.

Some councillors have compared our rate with that of Williamstown. Hardly a comparison when one considers the large burden of non-tax paying government concerns which Williamstown has to carry. I venture to say that if Williamstown had the Petro Complex in its area, in exchange for the Railways workshops, S.E.C., dockyards, rifle range etc., its rates would be considerably lower than Altona's.

An effort is being made to attract new industries to the Shire but this sort of thing will not act as an inducement. A perusal of the Voters Roll shows that one company alone is faced with an increase of something in the region of \$45,000.

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FORM 3—1st Charles Tabone, 2nd John Butkiewicz, 3rd Wolfgang Forke.

FORM 2—1st John Fabian, 2nd Robert Turner, 3rd Phillip Pearce.

FORM 1—1st Jeffrey Winter, 2nd Michael Hernandez, 3rd Richard Szulinski.

SPECIAL AWARDS.

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WOODWORK (McPherson's) — Lucas Snee.

TURNING and FITTING (McPherson's) — Trevor McRae.

BELL BOY — Gregory Keyes.

SPORTING AWARDS.

BASEBALL 4th in section — Dennis White.

BASKETBALL (V.A.B.A.) — William Anderson.

CRICKET 2nd in section — Martin Nowell.

FOOTBALL 3rd in section — Peter Tadesco.

LACROSSE 3rd in section — Ken Little.

SOCCER 2nd in section — Jeffery Evans.

SQUASH 1st in section — Ted Jones.

TENNIS 4th in section — Rex Snowling.

VOLLEYBALL 3rd in section — Allan Ralph.



A frequent cause of failure in the planting of shrubs and trees is a desire to disintangle the roots after the plant has been taken from the pots.

Many plants particularly Eucalypti, Wattles, Bouganvillea, and all Australian Natives, resent this treatment and fail to grow after they have been planted.

For summer planting it is a good idea to add a mulch of dried leaves, or lawn cutting to the loam, so as to prevent evaporation also tends to keep the soil around the plant a bit cooler.

If the shrub has been correctly planted there should be a basin-like effect around the stem.

This will enable the moisture to drain towards the roots. Some gardeners build the soil up to the stem of the shrub in a mould effect, this is harmful to your shrub and it will also tend to run the water away from the main roots.

Just a few shrubs 'perfumed' to grow in a shady position, Daphne 4 foot pink and red blooms, Genista Fracrans quick growing yellow flowering shrub 6 foot. Luculia, beautiful winter flowering shrub produces large heads of pink flowers, a bit frost tender.

Heliotrope 3 foot, dwarf shrub sometimes called cherry pie, also frost tender.

Gardenia 'Globosa' 8 foot produces an abundance of white bell shaped flowers.

Shrubs to grow in most positions in your garden, Philadelphus 'Mock Orange' 6 foot large, white scented, flowers in spring, prune immediately after flowering.

'Abelia' 6 foot, weeping habit, flowers profusely.

'Abelia' 6 foot, weeping habit, type of flower.

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stand up to coastal position, flowers right through the summer and into Autumn.

'Tamarix' 12 foot (The Athel tree) is the friend of poor sandy soil an attractive flowering cyprus.

Providing plants receive ample water in the dry weather and are suitable for the climate, not a great deal of trouble is involved apart from a regular bit of pruning.

Flowering shrubs with a few exceptions, should be regularly pruned after each flowering, this assists the plant to produce a better quality of flowers the next season.

Shrubs grown for their foliage should not be allowed to grow out of proportion, and keeping the desired shape in mind should be pruned regularly.

Deciduous trees are pruned during the winter months when all leaves have fallen and trees are at a dormant stage.

During the spring and summer months plants will benefit from a good suitable plant food once a year, blood and bone being helpful to all parts of your garden with the help of a mulch of dead leaves or grass cuttings.

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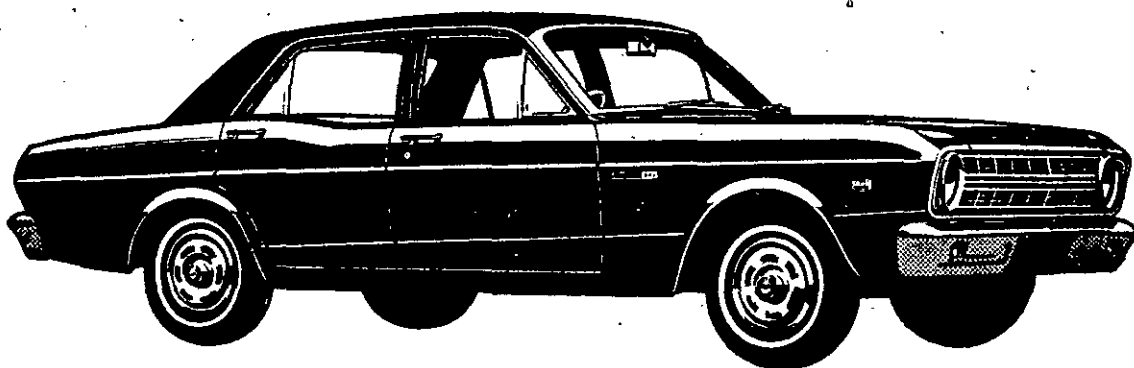
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OBITUARY

One of Altona's earliest residents, who first lived in a tent in the district, died in Footscray Hospital on December 5 after a long illness.

She was Mrs. Alice May Harrington, of 69 Queen Street, Altona, aged 86 years.

Mrs. Harrington and her husband, Tom, came from England to Australia in 1912.

They first went farming in the Mallee in north-western Victoria.

Later they both worked at a sawmill in Warburton. He worked in the mill and Mrs. Harrington was the cook for 60 men.

They arrived in Altona in 1915 when there were only 12 homes in the area.

A tent was pitched near the horse trough and under the pine trees at the corner of Pier and Queen Streets and here the couple lived until they moved into the house in Queen Street which was later bought by the Church of England.

(This house was burnt to the ground a couple of years ago.)

From Queen Street they moved to Davies Street where they built the first house in Altona to be financed by a loan from the National Bank.

As their home was one of the first to have water laid on they supplied water to many of the beach visitors.

For some years now the Harringtons have been living at 69 Queen Street.

Mrs. Harrington was one of the first members of the Baptist Guild and retained her interest in the Guild's activities until she died.

After a funeral service last Thursday, she was buried at Williamstown Cemetery.

Mrs. Harrington is survived by her husband Tom and two daughters and a son—Florrie (Mrs. Charles Barnes, of Emerald), Tom (Altona), and Joyce (Mrs. Jack Mouser, of Altona)—her grandchildren, Eric and Ray Barnes, Ian and Christine Harrington, and Graham, Dianne and Brian Mouser and four great grandchildren.

LADIES BOWLING

Winners of the social bowls played last Thursday by the Altona Ladies Bowling Club were: B. Bougonne and E. Thomas (s).

Birthday greetings this week to H. Critchley and E. Beyer.

Congratulations on their wedding anniversaries to Bob and Trudy Don, Dot and Reg Watson.

The ROSTER for Saturday, December 17, is V. Turner, J. Grant, J. McNelly, M. Bromley, H. Condon and B. Whitmore.

Altona Youth Club

Basketball

Attendance at a recently held dinner-dance was good. All had a fine evening and the basketball funds increased by \$71.

Thanks to the assistance of Mr. Bruce Johnstone, Altona will take part in the Murray Valley championships on December 31 and January 1.

There will be an under 18 competition and also an A Grade open age.

Defending champions are the Demons.

Last Monday Altona defeated the Demons 54-43.

It was a very closely contested game under hot and humid conditions.

In the opening stages Altona shot to a handy lead which they held on to until the final whistle. All credit must go to Robert Johnstone, best man on the court as well as an inspiration to the other players.

The club wishes to acknowledge and thank Mr. Elliott, of Gold Star Emporium, for a \$5 donation.

CHURCH CRICKET

Results of the first day's play of the sixth round of matches of the Western Suburbs Protestant Churches Cricket Association are as follows—

B GRADE

Altona Baps. 2/58 (G. Douglas 16, Bryce 16, Culbard 20 n.o.), v. Paisley Street 116 (Stoodley 4/6).

Yarraville Pres. 2/50, v. Nth. Williamstown 135.

Kingsville Baps. 71 (Forbes 8/24) and 1/22, v. St. Stephen's 58.

Yarraville Baps. 2/215 dec. (R. Hayes 93) v. All Saints 5/13.

C GRADE

Ballarat Road 95 (G. Stephenson 3/6, Page 3/14), v. St. Eanswythe's 106 (Page 52 n.o., McGillivray 7/15) and 0/20.

Tottenham Baps. 48 and 4/62, v. Christ Church 4/109 dec.

Maidstone C. of C. 58 (Freestone 7/20), v. Kingsville Baps. 95 (Given 5/33).

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KEEN (Knoester).—To Henny and Burris, the safe arrival of their first born (Leanne Susan) at Altona Hospital. Grateful to Dr. A. Szweide, Sister Scott and all staff.

KEEN.—Mr. and Mrs. William Keen happily announce the arrival of their first grandchild (Leanne Susan) to their eldest son and daughter-in-law, Burris and Henny, at Altona Hospital.

THANKS

PATTON.—The family of the late Mrs. A. E. Patton wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their floral tributes, cards and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

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IN MEMORIAM

HARRIS, Margaret, December 17, 1959.—In loving memory of a wonderful Mother an Nana. —Wally, Margaret, Kenneth and Susan.

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DEFINED AREA

All the land of the WILLIAMSTOWN area known as the WILLIAMSTOWN (or MERRETT) RIFLE RANGE; that is to say all that land SOUTH of KOROROIT CREEK ROAD enclosed between the junction of KOROROIT CREEK with the EASTERN boundary line of MADDOX STREET; thence in a NORTHERLY direction to the corner of MADDOX STREET and KOROROIT CREEK ROAD with the property of the Victorian State EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; thence in a SOUTHERLY direction along this boundary and the boundaries of housing properties; thence again in an EASTERLY direction for 259 yards to the boundary fence of the Girls' School; thence again in a SOUTHERLY direction to the PORT PHILLIP BAY FORESHORE; thence in a WEST and NORTH WESTERLY direction along the FORESHORE to the junction of KOROROIT CREEK with the EASTERN boundary line of MADDOX STREET afore mentioned; and for a distance of 3200 yards SOUTH (into PORT PHILLIP BAY) throughout the length of this FORESHORE widening to a length of 3800 yards at its SOUTHERN extremity.

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Members of the public seeking entry into the range proper in the course of business must first make application to the Range Superintendent (telephone 65-6027). Entry for any other reason is forbidden.

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Another Service Station Planned

A plan to build a petrol filling station on the corner of Pier and Queen Streets is to come before the Altona Shire Council at its next meeting on February 13.

This is land which was considered as the site for a car park.

It is right in the centre of Altona's main commercial district where car parking space is sorely needed.

When the plan came up at last Monday's council meeting, Cr. W. G. Cresser, who holds the council's town planning portfolio, moved that the matter become an Order of the Day for the council's next meeting.

The Board of Works had forwarded a duplicate of the application for the petrol filling station it had received from Bradleigh Investments Pty. Ltd.

Mr. J. W. Waters, the shire secretary, commented:

"The area is zoned 'Commercial' in the Shire of Altona Planning Scheme 1958 and is subject to Interim Development control. A service station is a permitted use for a commercial zone.

"The council would have to determine arrangements regarding set back from the streets. The Board of Works Ordinance permits a 20ft. set back if there is no rear access. But there is rear access by a dead end right-of-way approximately 10 feet wide.

"However, this land has been considered as a site for car park area for the Chamber of Commerce proposal for off-street car park. But because of the excessive valuation placed thereon by the owner, has not been included in the form of petition which is currently being signed by shopkeepers and owners of the Altona commercial area," Mr. Waters said.

Minister To Inspect Truganina Reserve

The Truganina Explosives Reserve that may one day become a new housing settlement will be inspected by the Minister of Lands, Mr. Balfour, and shire councillors at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 20.

The reserve, which is between 600 and 700 acres, is to be bought by the shire council which will subdivide the land and sell it for housing lots.

The sale to the council requires an Act of Parliament, and the inspection is to acquaint the Minister and his aides with the land.

After the inspection, Mr. Balfour and the councillors will discuss the transfer in the shire offices.

Council In Recess

The Altona Shire Council has gone into recess.

At its meeting last Monday night, the councillors voted to meet for the first time next year on Monday, February 19.

It agreed that the dates of subsequent meetings would be decided at that meeting.

The council normally meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month, although this is sometimes varied to avoid clashes with public holidays.

LADIES BOWLING

Results of Altona Ladies Bowling Club Pennant Matches played on Tuesday, December 13, are as follows—

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